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LOCAL SENTIMENT DEFINITELY IS OPPOSED TO STATE BANK CHARTER

"I seem to be on the spot," said A. A. Rogers, state superintendent of banks, Salem, Tuesday night at the V. F. W. hall, when a meeting of more than a hundred citizens met to discuss granting of a charter to a state bank for the area. Cause for this remark was made after Rogers had been called upon following a talk by O. H. Bengtson, attorney, who had made a trip to Washington, D. C., at Christmas time, to meet with the comptroller of currency relative to the application of the First National Bank of Portland, Oregon.

Charles Grayshel, at the opening of the meeting, reviewed the bank situation in Brookings, dating back to the time when the First National Bank of Portland made its first survey of the area and had subsequently filed an application for a charter, of the Curry County Bank's withdrawal and of the recent application filed by the First National Bank of Portland.

After reviewing to the point of when the committee agreed to send a representative to Washington to get a definite "yes" or "no" Grayshel called on O. H. Bengtson to tell about what he had learned at Washington.

"The people of this community have been given a double-cross, averred Bengtson at the outset. The pending application was not to be filed at Salem until a definite word was obtained at Washington. "I was told by the comptroller of currency that it was no use to plead for the First National since a state bank charter had been granted.

Pointing to Mr. Rogers, Bengtson asked, "Did you receive a request either by telephone or by letter, or both, from the comptroller, asking, 'as a personal favor' to file this application? Will you answer 'yes' or 'no.'?"

Elmer Parker reviewed history of the committee's recent meet-

New Phones Cut Over For Area Now

If you had learned to dial on the old three-digit code, and had been used to listening to different rings, you must do it all over now, since the new phones have been cut over in this area, completed Monday, except for a few remote instances.

In you are on a four-party line you will hear only one ring, that is yours. If you happen to be on a ten-party line, you will hear two rings. You will answer to the "one-ring" if your number ends in an "odd" figure, as 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9. Even numbers will be two rings, separated by a short pause.

New cards, listing the local numbers were distributed this week to serve until the new directories will be sent out, later this month or first of March.

ing with the state banking board at Salem, the board comprising the Governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. He stated that the community's needs were such that a small bank, regardless of whether it be state or a national, unless large enough, was inadequate. The same opinion was voiced almost unanimously among the business men and lumbermen present.

United support is necessary for the success of any bank, it was pointed out, and it was also emphatically pointed out that no united support could be given to a bank which could not meet the needs of this community which "is the fastest-growing on the coast." In checking the people attending, only two rose in support of the proposed state bank, the remainder taking the stand that its capitalization and resources were too limited to be of proper benefit.

Rogers said he would not return to this area when a meeting to include all possible depositors would be called. He would give no conclusive answers to questions pointed his way by Bengtson or any of the committee in an attempt to learn what he expected to do about granting any charter until all other efforts had been exhausted in an attempt to get a charter for the First National Bank of Portland.

Support was pledged to the local committee in its further effort to bring a bank to Brookings before adjournment.

F. O. E. Auxiliary Met Last Friday

The Auxiliary to the Chetco Aerie of Fraternal Order of Eagles met at the VFW hall last Friday for its regular meeting. Names were exchanged for secret pals for this year. Mrs. Brown of Grants Pass, secretary of the Eagles Auxiliary, and Mrs. Hap Lloyd of Selma, were visitors.

A food sale is being planned by the Auxiliary for Feb. 23, at the Chetco Store from 12 noon to 5:00 p. m.

The Eagles is sponsoring a dance for the Junior Class Saturday evening, Feb. 16, at the VFW hall.

'Sea About Us' Was Reviewed To Club

Albert Joy, whose home is at the seashore, and whose interests have been kindled by this close proximity, told the Rotary club many of the mysteries of the sea Tuesday, while reviewing the book, "The Sea About Us."

Mr. Joy took the club through a little botanical history of the sea. The sea, he told the Rotarians, contains the same chemicals which may be found in the blood stream of all mammals.

Taking an orange, and two glass balls (picked up on the local beach) and illustrated the moon and sun in reference to the tides, how the high and low tides come and change with the hours throughout the lunar month.

The sea furnishes food for man and the vegetable life of the sea helps the fish and animal life of the sea to develop, to help man in his scheme of living.

There are seasons in the sea as may be found on the land," he stated. With the sea at our front (or back) doors, people of this area should read "The Sea About Us." The book is in the library.

Baptist Church Is Using Radio KCRE

Baptist Community Church has "been on the air" this week, each day from 9:30 to 9:45, with Rev. J. L. Mumbower bringing each message. Music, so far this week, has been furnished by Mrs. Mabel Rice, soloist accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Collis and Mrs. C. A. MacKenzie, accompanied by Mrs. Harry Lockland.

After this week these messages will be once a month, according to Rev. Mumbower.

This is a public service given by Radio KCRE, Crescent City.

Indoor Picnic Set By Masons, Stars

A private indoor picnic for all members and adult eligible kin to the Masonic Temple association and Eastern Star Satellite club will be held at the VFW hall, Saturday, Feb. 23. There are so many local resident members of both organizations a more general family invitation is prohibitive. Those coming are urged to contact others of their status to pool transportation. Pot luck supper will be spread at 7:00 p. m. followed by an informal, pleasant program.

Brownie Meeting

There will be a Brownie meeting Saturday, Feb. 16 at Mrs. White's home above Brookings Clinic. The girls will make posters for the cooked food sale to be held at Brookings Market on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a. m.

Find what you want through the Pilot Class Ads.

Wranglers Will Be Fair 'Assistants'

At a recent meeting with the Curry County Fair Board, the Chetco Wranglers agreed to assume complete charge of the '52 Curry County Fair grandstand and concession arena, the Pilot was told by Eddie Thornton.

"A Logging Show," with all the adjuncts is planned as the theme, Mr. Thornton said, instead of a mediocre rodeo which will attract so few people.

Plans, at this time, are in no wise complete, and further developments will be published as decided upon.

Court Of Honor Held Monday Eve

At a court of honor, Monday evening at the I. O. O. F. hall, Tommy Rush, Dave Weston, Jerry Fox, Douglas Shuey and Ronald Olson receiver "tenderfoot" badges at a candlelight investiture, presided over by Henry Kerr. Receiving service pins for two years were Dick Berger, Philip Kessler, Gael Ettinger, Stanley Gribble and Bobby Page.

Second class badges were given to Gerald Anderson, Ronald Olson, Walter Craig, Tom Widney, Jim Widney and Harold Jones.

Eddie Gran received his first class badge and a 2-year pin.

Jerry Smith received his star badge and senior patrol leader's bars.

The Eagles' troop, with Scout Master Crane, were guests at the court of honor, including two of the committeemen, Fred Fox and Mr. Shuey. Odd Fellow committeemen present were D. M. Morgan, scoutmaster; Assistant Dal Sanders; Fred Moore, Geo. Hassett, W. P. Clement.

Troop 32 meets every Monday at the I. O. O. F. hall at 7:30. Visitors are always welcome, and any boy 11 or older who wishes to become a scout.

Rotary Clubs Bid To Coquille Meet

Invitation was received by the Brookings Rotary club to attend a tri-city meeting, set for Coquille Country Club, next Thursday. This event is annually given by Coos Bay, Coquille and Myrtle Point club. Invitations were also sent to Gold Beach club.

An elaborate program has been planned, the invitation stated. To those meetings in the past several local Rotarians have attended and have reported them grand.

The young married couples Sunday school class of Baptist Community church met last week at the Bill Brown home for a party, to become better acquainted. In addition to games a buffet lunch was enjoyed. The next party will be at the Lyle Redfield Jr. home on Feb. 28. The class will meet in the annex room this Sunday.

Much Good Will Be Result Of OCA Caravan To South

In telling of the trip made by members of the Oregon Coast Association to San Francisco last week, Charles Grayshel, president, said "much good would result to the Oregon coast by the contacts made during the stay.

Highlights of the 3-day Oregon Coast Association session at San Francisco, included a promotional dinner at which the association entertained top-flight newspaper, radio, magazine, transportation and travel officials, met with the San Francisco advertising club, the Sunset Magazine people, and made appearances on three major network radio programs.

Major action taken by the Oregon Coast Association during the San Francisco session and forwarded to congress ask for:

1. More federal-aid appropriations for all classifications of roads and highways.

2. Changes in the federal-aid formula statutes to give Oregon and California more funds than at present.

Crescent City was selected as site of the 1952 fall convention of the association.

A group of ten from the Oregon coast were honored with a trip to the top of the tower of the Golden Gate bridge. An honor that is extended to few. Making the trip were: Eugene V. Cyr and H. A. Roberts of Florence; M. E. Kelley, Port Orford; Monte Seine, Seaside; Ed Kruchke, of Cannon Beach; Harvey Curry and D. C. Avery of Newport; Stan Allyn, Depoe Bay; Claude Hall and Frank Fehrenbacher, Waldport.

The Gray Line took the group on a three-hour tour of San Francisco and through the aquarium.

Attending, among the 66 from Oregon Coast, were President and Mrs. Charles Grayshel, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lesmeister, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Goetz and Joseph Taylor of Brookings; Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley of Port Orford.

Youth Group Was Organized, Mon.

Bill Brown, representative of Brookings Rotary club, and quite a booster for youth activities, was named president of the "Youth Movement" group here Monday evening. Cliff Brimm, whose idea it was to start the movement, is the vice-president.

LOCAL NEWS

A. A. Robers, state superintendent of banks, Salem, and Mr. Brown of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, San Francisco, were here the first of the week in attendance at the bank committee meeting. They stayed at the Chetco Inn as did Estes Morton, also of Salem.